

IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**IN RE: BENCH ASSIGNMENT OF
JUDGES IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF POLK COUNTY FOR 2023**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-13

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that for calendar year 2023, District Court Judges of Judicial Election District 5-C are assigned to Polk County benches as follows in accordance with the attached Rotation Schedule attached as Exhibit A.

<u>CRIMINAL BENCH:</u>	Jeffrey Farrell	FEL 1	Room 210
	Heather Lauber	FEL 2 Trials	Room 310
	Lawrence McLellan	FEL 3 Trials	Room 410
	Michael Huppert	FEL 4	Room 220

<u>FAMILY LAW BENCH:</u>	Celene Gogerty	FL 1	Room 140
	Samantha Gronewald	FL 2	Room 130
	Sarah Crane	FL 3	Room 120

The Family Law Bench shall, to the extent possible, preside over all dissolution and modification proceedings, annulments, paternity actions, child support recovery proceedings, Civil domestic abuse, elder abuse and sexual abuse proceedings, child custody, private termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings excluding Chapter 232 proceedings where the petitioner is the Department of Human Services, a Juvenile Court Officer or the County Attorney. The judicial responsibility and workload of these three judges shall be fairly divided between them so that the needs of litigants and their attorneys are well served.

In order to provide a predictable schedule for the public and the family law bar, Court Administration and the judges assigned to family law shall schedule matters in accordance with the master calendar attached as Exhibit B.

In order to distribute the caseload equally, the Polk County Clerk of Court shall assign cases to the three family law dockets pursuant to the matrix attached as Exhibit C.

INTENSIVE SUPERVISION DRUG COURT:

For 2023, Judge Robert B. Hanson is assigned to Intensive Supervision Drug Court.

GENERAL TRIAL BENCH:

Scott J. Beattie, Room 340
William P. Kelly, Room 250
Coleman McAllister, Room 230
Scott D. Rosenberg, Room 210
Robert B. Hanson, Room 350

David Nelmark, Room 220
David M. Porter, Room 310
Joseph W. Seidlin, Room 330
Paul D. Scott (**jury judge**) 260
Jeanie K. Vaudt 320


The courtroom assignments of judges in future years shall be made under the seniority courtroom selection protocol.

Judge assignments in future years shall be made pursuant to the assignment grid attached hereto as Exhibit A. This grid shall remain in effect until modified by Administrative Order of the Chief Judge.

Exhibits A, B and C are hereby incorporated in this Administrative Order by reference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any Judge not occupied with a matter in his/her assigned division, shall be available to handle any other matter in any division and any Judicial Election District within the Fifth Judicial District.

DATED this 14th day of October, 2022.



MICHAEL D. HUPPERT, CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

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Chief Justice Susan Christensen, Iowa Supreme Court
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Fifth Judicial District-District Judge Rotation Schedule for Polk County - Exhibit "A" Administrative Order 2022-13

Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039
FEL 1	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4
General Trial #1	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10
General Trial #2	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1
Family Law #1	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2
FEL 3	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6
General Trial #3	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16
General Trial #4	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13
FEL 4	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15
General Trial #5	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14
General Trial #6	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11	3
Family Law #2	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9	11
General Trial #7	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17	9
General Trial #8	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5	17
FEL 2	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12	5
General Trial #9	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7	12
General Trial #10	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8	7
Family Law #3	7	12	5	17	9	11	3	14	15	13	16	6	2	1	10	4	8

1. Gogerty	6. Rosenberg	11. Scott	16. Beattie
2. McLellan	7. Crane	12. Porter	17. Lauber
3. Gronewald	8. Farrell	13. Huppert	
4. McAllister	9. Nelmark	14. Hanson	
5. Vautt	10. Seidlin	15. Kelly	

		2022-13 EXHIBIT "B" FAM. LAW #1	FAM. LAW #2	FAM. LAW #3
MONDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
TUESDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	CSRU	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11		Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12			
	130 – 230	2 nd Round DAs	CSRU	2 nd Round DAs
	230 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)		
WEDNESDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 230	VNCOs	VNCOs	VNCOs
	230 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
THURSDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	11 – 12	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
	130 – 430	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)	Hearings (non - DAs)
FRIDAY	830	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions	TPR/ Adoptions
	9 – 10	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs	2 nd Round DAs
	10 – 11	PTCs	PTCs	PTCs
	11 – 12	PTCs	PTCs	PTCs
	130 – 430	Pro Se PTCs	Pro Se PTCs	Pro Se PTCs

2022-13 EXHIBIT "C"

NUMBERED ASSIGNMENTS FOR ALL FAMILY CASES (CDCD, CN, DADA, DRCV, EAEA, SASA, USUS):

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00

	FAM. LAW #1 – THIRTY –FOUR (34)
	FAM. LAW #2 - THIRTY –THREE (33)
	FAM. LAW #3 - THIRTY –THREE (33)

WORK LOAD DISTRIBUTION

- Each Courtroom has six (6) hours of time slots/ day.
- Over the course of a week that equates to thirty (30) hrs of Courtroom time.

	FAM. LAW #1	FAM. LAW #2	FAM. LAW #3	TOTAL
2 ND ROUND DAS	5	5	8	18
HEARINGS (NON - DAS)	16	16	16	48
CSRU	3	3	0	6
VNCOS	1	1	1	3
PTCS	2	2	2	6
PRO SE PTCs	3	3	3	9
TOTAL	30	30	30	90